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BEGIN SUMMARY: RESOLUTIONS OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS' (PNC) SECOND BIENNIAL CONGRESS ESCHEWED IDEOLOGY. THEY FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON NEED FOR GREATER PRODUCTION, CARE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT, ELIMINATION OF WASTE, PUBLIC VIGILANCE TO SPOT CARELESSNESS WHICH COULD DAMAGE EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, EXPANSION OF NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEES, NEED FOR DISCIPLINE, REDEPLOYMENT OF CIVIL SERVANTS, AND TRAINING FOR PRODUCTION AND REDUCTION OF UNEMPLOMENT. THE CONGRESS ALSO RESOLVED THAT ITS RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY PEOPLE AT MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. IN ADDITION, THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR ANEW MINIMUM WAGE. END SUMMARY.

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1. THIS MESSAGE IS A FOLLOW-UP ON REFTEL AND LISTS THE DECISIONS OF THE SECOND BIENNIAL CONGRESS OF THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL CONGRESS (PNC) AS ANNOUNCED BY PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM ON AUGUST 20.

2. THE RESOLUTIONS ANNOUNCED WERE:  
--FIRST AND FOREMOST, EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO ACHIEVE

GREATER PRODUCTION AND INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY OF WORKERS  
IN ALL JOBS, INCLUDING WHITE COLLAR POSITIONS.

--A WAR ON WASTE WILL BE LAUNCHED. VEHICLES AND HEAVY  
EQUIPMENT MUST BE TREATED BETTER AND MAINTENANCE WILL  
BE IMPROVED.

--PUBLIC VIGILANCE WAS REQUIRED TO SPOT CARELESS OPERATORS  
OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AND GUARD AGAINST SABOTAGE BY  
INTERNAL SABOTEURS, I.E., OPPOSITION GROUPS.

--THE NUMBER OF NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION GROUPS  
SHOULD BE INCREASED AND THEIR ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE  
EXPANDED TO AID PRODUCTION AND BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAMS.

--IT WAS RESOLVED THAT "INDISCIPLINE AND SOCIALISM ARE  
IMCOMPATIBLE."

--WORKER PARTICIPATION IN MANAGEMENT SHOULD BE INCREASED.  
COOPERATIVE TRAINING PROGRAMS WERE TO BE STRESSED.

--MORE SUBSTITUTES FOR IMPORTS WOULD BE DEVELOPED.

--MANY CIVIL SERVANTS WOULD BE REDEPLOYED FROM ONE GOVERN-  
MENT AGENCY TO ANOTHER, TO NEW LINES OF WORK, AND ESPECIALLY  
TO RURAL AREAS TO FOSTER DEVELOPMENT OF THE HINTERLANDS.  
BURNHAM ANNOUNCED THAT THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS (TUC)  
HAD AGREED WITH THIS PROPOSAL PROVIDED THAT REDEPLOYMENT  
WAS NOT "WHIMSICAL OR ARBITRARY."

--PEOPLE WOULD BE TRAINED FOR PRODUCTION. UNEMPLOYED  
YOUTH, KNOWN AS "LIMERS" WOULD BE RETRAINED.

--TO ACHIEVE A NATIONAL CONSENSUS, THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE  
CONGRESS WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO POPULAR MEETINGS THROUGH-  
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OUT THE NATION FOR DISCUSSION AND ELABORATION.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE-LISTED RESOLUTIONS, BURNHAM  
ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR MINIMUM WAGE AGREE-  
MENT, WHICH HE HAD PROMISED IN HIS MAY 1 ADDRESS, HAD BEEN  
COMPLETED BY THE GOG AND THE TUC (SEPTTEL PROVIDES DETAILS).

4. COMMENT: THE EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC MEASURES IN THE  
RESOLUTIONS REVEALS THE DEGREE TO WHICH LIVING CONDITIONS AND  
PROBLEMS OF THE ECONOMY DOMINATED THE DISCUSSIONS OF DELEGATES AND  
PARTY LEADERS. THE RESOLUTIONS, AS ANNOUNCED BY BURNHAM,  
WERE COUCHED IN VAGUE TERMS. ONLY THE MINIMUM WAGE AGREEMENT  
WAS SPECIFIC. THE RESOLUTIONS WERE NOTABLE FOR THEIR  
LACK OF IDEOLOGICAL CONTENT.  
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